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SUBJECT: S. 2236

1. OLC's major concern with S. 2236, a bill to combat international terrorism, is the reporting provisions required by the bill. While the legislation protects classified information, there are no such safeguards for the protection of sources and methods. While amendatory language must be submitted to rectify this situation, we do not wish to bring this issue up with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at this time. We have already received indications that while staff members believe that sources and methods should be protected, they also believe that such information should be reported to the Foreign Relations Committee instead of or in addition to the SSCI. The Agency position has always been to keep sources and methods within "national security channels"; the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is technically not within that channel.

2. Since the SSCI also has jurisdiction over this bill, we will submit amendatory language to the SSCI when it begins hearings on the bill.

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